

U. S. NOW INSIGNIA FOR ALL OFFICERS OF LAND FORCES

War Department's Order
Tends to Creation of
Single Army

NEW PROMOTION RULINGS

Seniority Will Count Only Where
Other Requirements for Posts
Are Absolutely Equal

As a result of the experience of the A.E.F. in France, the Commander-in-Chief deemed it advisable that the insignia "U.S." be adopted for all officers and so recommended to the War Department. The War Department, holding the same view, has issued an order conforming to the recommendation of the Commander-in-Chief.

The result, particularly as it concerns the A.E.F., is the creation of a homogeneous officer body and will tend to the creation of one army—the U.S. Army. Pursuant to instructions from the War Department, no more recommendations will be made for the issue of Reserve Corps or National Guard commissions in the line of the Army, according to a new general order, No. 124.

In future, Reserve officers and National Guard officers will be recommended for promotion into the National Army. This rule, as well as those that follow, governs the recommendation of A.E.F. officers up to and including the grade of colonel.

Seniority will be a determining factor in promotion only in cases where two or more officers recommended for promotion are held to be equally efficient.

Regular Army officers holding permanent or provisional appointments in the line of the Army, or in any established staff corps or department, will be recommended for promotion to the National Army in the order of seniority, with certain exceptions.

Must Wait Three Months

An officer who is inefficient or who is otherwise unqualified to perform the duties of the next higher grade will not be recommended for promotion in his turn, but the qualified officer next to and junior to the one found unqualified will be recommended. The officer found unqualified will, at the end of three months, again be first on the list in his grade for consideration for promotion. Recommendations for promotion out of turn will be made in recognition of gallantry in action and of marked efficiency.

Questions arising under these last two considerations will be determined by the Commander-in-Chief, A.E.F., after considering the recommendation of immediate and higher commanders and the available official records.

Unavailability for promotion between line and staff. A Regular Army officer holding a temporary commission in any branch of the service other than that in which he holds a permanent commission will not be recommended for promotion before the time he has been recommended had he received an order to duty with the arm of the service in which he holds a permanent or provisional commission.

If Line Officer Is Called
When a vacancy occurs which requires the service of a line officer, recommendation will be made that the vacancy be filled by promotion from the list of line officers, which, with respect to total length of commissioned service, is further behind in promotion. An officer called to fill such a vacancy must, of course, be qualified for the post.

All officers who do not hold temporary or provisional appointments in the Regular Army, that is, National Army, National Guard or Reserve Corps, will be recommended for promotion to the National Army by selection from the next lower grade.

Other things being equal, recommendations will be based on seniority. Seniority will be determined, in the case of officers of the Officers' Reserve Corps, by the date of the order placing them on active duty, and in the case of other officers, by the date of the rank given in their commissions.

When the date of rank is the same, the officer having the longest commissioned service, continuous or not, in the Army of the United States prior to his present appointment, is the senior. This includes service as a commissioned officer of the Regular Army, volunteers or drafted forces, and an officer of the Officers' Reserve Corps on active duty in that capacity. It does not include service as a commissioned officer of the National Guard, called into the service of the United States or otherwise.

According to Age

If these rules do not establish the claim to seniority, officers will take rank according to age. And if the coincidences still keep up and even the ages are identical, rank will be determined by lot. It is not considered likely, however, that this method will have to be resorted to.

Recommendations for promotion will also be made to fill vacancies in tables or organizations which are authorized by the War Department or by the Commander-in-Chief. In the case of all officers serving in France, in positions which are not definitely provided for by authorized tables of organization, recommendations will conform to the principle that the proportion of officers of any arm, corps or detachment of the National Army shall not exceed the proportion authorized by the National Defense act for the same grade in the corresponding branch of the Regular Army, except that the number commissioned in the lowest grade shall not be limited.

Recommendation will be made, on the one hand, from the Regular Army, or on the other hand, from among the other classes of officers, in accordance with the best interests of the service as a whole.

CAPPER SEEKS SENATORSHIP

[By Cable to THE STARS AND STRIPES] AMERICA, Aug. 8.—In Kansas, Arthur Capper, present governor, will be a Republican, twice governor, Charles F. Scott, congressman for ten years, and Joseph Bristow, United States senator for six years, are out for the Republican primary nomination for the United States senate.

MEDICINE FOR SICK GERMANS



SPEEDY RUNNERS NORTH OF OURCQ RACE WITH DEATH

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admirable, but its machinery is too heavy and its mechanism too delicate for the climaxes of open warfare.

The wireless is wonderful until the German buzzer jams it. Lamps, flags, every type of visual signaling, cannot be employed in such advantage on a shifting battlefield all cut with groves and knolls, and sometimes catch the enemy eye and draw his fire on the signal man.

Back to First Principles

In such fighting as drove the armies of the Crown Prince from the Marne to the Vesle, the leaders in battle revert to first principles in more ways than one. One way is their heavy dependence on that same device which served the Israelites in their battles against the Philistines, served the Athenians in their wars against all the world. That device is the human messenger, the runner of the battlefield.

Most of them are young boys of 18 or 19. Their work is important beyond measure. It is dangerous because sometimes they cannot reach and take cover, though their path leads them through a certain fire. It is a little more difficult because the runners must go their way alone, without the treatable life and cheer it gives a fighter to have his brother fighters shoulder to shoulder with him.

Perhaps, on the other hand, it is a little easier because the runner has one definite task before him, without any prying of choice. He has a single thing to do. He must carry the message to Garcia. And he does—or dies trying. Very often, on the heights that lie to the north of the Ourcq, he died trying.

Getting It Through

One would crawl to the major's dugout, forgetting to chuck the cigarette that dangled from the corner of his mouth as he nonchalantly delivered the message, cool and unafraid. The next he would dash to the major's side, drop to his knees and spit out his message with clenched hands, popping eyes and lips so trembling that he could scarcely make himself understood. But though the whole world seemed to shake with the thunder of the guns, though the bullets from the hidden machine guns fell like hail about them, each kind delivered his message.

Sometimes the path was so perilous and the word so vital that three were charged with the one message. You can imagine them crouching in the dugout, straining at the least as it is read to them in quick, sharp sentences. Have they got it? The three bend nod. Then, like pistol shots, the lieutenant gives the signals. "Lannigan!" And Lannigan is gone. They give him two hundred yards start. "Jenks!" Jenks is off.

"Lannigan!" The message is on its way. The adjutant goes back to his work, hoping that one of the three will get through, praying that all of them will. From the number of substitutes, battalion sergeant-majors, intelligence section aids and many more who turned runners through these sleepless days and nights, you can guess how many of the regular groups, with the red bands on their sleeves, fell by the way, sometimes killed outright, often so wounded that they could only lie in the field and try their best to catch a passerby and send the word by him—the word on which the lives of a company might hang as on a thread.

Running His Last Race

Many caught up a message and went on with it, though they knew it had fallen to them because the others who had tried were dead. Many got all the way, though they were shot as they ran, the private, with a hole in his abdomen, old his hand over that hole and somehow carried his message the last eighth of a mile across a field that the German guns were blasting. After he had delivered his message, he died.

On the day the Yanks went across the Ourcq and up the hill, Private M. A. Treptow of Iowa ran his last race from the company to the battalion. He had almost reached his post when a machine gun dropped him.

Later, in the pocket of his blouse, they found his precious diary. On its first page, he had written something that many a man in his company has since copied into his own diary. It was this:

America shall win the war; therefore I will work, I will save, I will sacrifice, I will endure, I will fight cheerfully and do my utmost, as if the whole issue of the struggle depended on me alone. Treptow had called this "My Pledge," and thereto he had subscribed his name.

HUSTLING JASBOS LAY THEIR GUNS TRUE

Artillerymen Catch Up to
Mark and Find They
Hit Squarely

FIRING WITH OPEN SIGHTS

Hun Machine Gun Nests Plastered
from Neighboring Ridge and
Infantry Does Rest

American Artillerymen have found at least two thrills in their work through the big advance, despite the old belief that most of the thrills remain for the infantry.

"No," said a young lieutenant. "I didn't see our shells hit, but that didn't matter. It was even more fun the way it worked out."

"You see, first we would do all our map reading and orienting and then send our data for adjustment on a certain cross road or a certain part of the village ahead. Either target might be 4 or 5 kilometers away. Then we'd open fire and very likely a few minutes later would move on up with the advance."

"Where did the thrill come in? Why, in coming up to that cross road or town you had been shooting at and finding the spot blown to hell and back—nothing but a hole where the cross road was and nothing but scattered brick where the house once stood."

"Thrills? There's nothing like it when you come up and find you had it doped to a square foot from five kilometers away."

Robbing the Nests

That isn't the only artillery thrill this last rush produced. On at least two occasions word was passed to the light artillery that just over outlying crests, in a ridge of woods beyond, machine gun nests had been spotted by forward observers who were on the job.

"The prettiest sight I've seen in this war," said one of the observers, "was the battery coming up the hill. Did it lay back to spray the machine guns with indirect fire from the map? Not even a second. When it got the word, the horses came up near the top on a gallop, the guns were rushed right to the crest and almost before the astonished Hun knew what was happening, the horse and light were raking them with direct fire, sniping as directly and as surely as any rifleman could do."

Cheers from the Doughboy
On each occasion the light artillery secured its range and direction with amazing quickness and the machine gun nests were blown into fragments, leaving the infantry an easy and safe gain across the way to gather up the fragments.

No one cheered louder than the infantry, who had drawn more than the usual allotment of charging forward into these positions where the artillery was unable to furnish any aid.

If any one thinks that there is no thrill in artillery work, let him ask one of those gunners or any other member of the gun squad who stood out in the open on the top of a ridge using a field piece as one would use a rifle.

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Radishes, green onions, lettuce and half a dozen other summer delectables have been for several weeks on the menus of most of the troops in the A.E.F. that are stationed at permanent camps. The amateur farmers of the S.O.S., who in their idle time last spring set out war gardens, are reaping the fruits—or, rather, the vegetables—of their endeavor.

Gardens at practically all the base hospitals, where convalescents did their trick with the hoe before returning to active duty, have turned out highly successful. Fresh vegetables in abundance supplement the regular rations. The same is true of the casual and rest camps, where troops passing through devoted their spare time to working the gardens for the benefit of future tenants, and of the various depots where organizations are permanently stationed.

With the bulk of the harvest yet to come in the line of potatoes, corn and more substantial vegetables, the war gardens already have produced an appreciable supply of food, thereby saving a valuable amount of ship tonnage for the transport of other supplies.

NUMBERS MUST BE USED

Owing to the fact that there are many duplications of names in this Army of 1,300,000 men and more to come, C.O.'s statistical and personnel officers are directed in Bulletin 49 to see that the Army serial number assigned each man be used on all documents pertaining to the soldier.

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